

# General *Municipal Election* 2016



With a population of just over 110,000, Carlsbad is known for strong community engagement, including having one of the highest voter turnout rates in San Diego County. The City of Carlsbad's upcoming election Nov. 8 is your opportunity to directly participate in choosing the city's elected leaders.

Elected officials in Carlsbad are responsible for setting policies and making decisions that shape the future of our city, our quality of life and our economy. Carlsbad is a charter city governed by a five-member City Council.

Elected officials, including a Mayor, City Council Members, City Clerk and City Treasurer, serve staggered four year terms.

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The Office of the City Clerk is responsible for conducting elections in a fair and impartial manner. The City Clerk Services Manager serves as the city's election official, responsible for calling the election, consolidating with the county general election, issuing nomination papers, placing city measures on the ballot, and conducting municipal elections in accordance with the City of Carlsbad Municipal Code, the Elections Code and the Political Reform Act of 1974. It is the responsibility of all candidates/committees to follow constitutional, statutory, and city code provisions applicable to elections.



## Notice of Election

The official notice of the **Nov. 8, 2016** election is available at City Hall and advertised in local newspapers. Two City Council Member member seats are available.

Once the candidate filing period has closed, candidate information will be posted to the website. Nomination period is **July 18 – Aug. 12, 2016**.

## General Requirements for Candidacy

- Must be a resident of City of Carlsbad
- 18 years of age or older
- A registered voter eligible to vote within the City of Carlsbad

If interested in becoming a candidate, contact the City Clerk Services Manager Sheila Cobian at **760-434-2917** or [sheila.cobian@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:sheila.cobian@carlsbadca.gov) to schedule an appointment.

## Your Vote Counts!

The deadline to register to vote in any election is 15 days prior to the election (Oct. 24, 2016).

- Voter registration forms are available at City Hall, Council Chamber, Registrar of Voters, U.S. Post Offices, public libraries and the DMV. You can also register to vote online through the California Secretary of State website at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).
- You must re-register to vote if you have moved or changed your name.
- Need help locating your polling place? Contact the City Clerk's Office or the Registrar of Voters at [www.sdvote.com](http://www.sdvote.com).

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Election Day.

## Resources

- Carlsbad Municipal Code (Chapters 1.12 and 1.13), <http://www.qcode.us/codes/carlsbad>
- Secretary of State website, [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)
- San Diego County Registrar of Voters website, [www.sdvote.com](http://www.sdvote.com)
- Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) website, [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov)